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1.	Yes	01/12/08	9:30 PM	Jefferson	Approximately 10 shotgun pellets to upper body—5 or 6 to face and forehead and 4 to the left arm	No	SP	Shooter shot at low flying pheasant in direction of victim striking victim in head and left arm.	45 Yr. M	36 Yr. M	12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun
2.	Yes	01/13/08	10:30 AM	Manitowoc	12 pellets from a shotgun to the face/head	No	SP	Two hunters swung to shoot at pheasant. Other member of the hunting party was hit by pellets		14 Yr. M	Shotgun
3.	Yes	01/13/08	12:15 PM	Green Lake	Pellet penetrated skin just above the right eye.	No	SP	Shooter fired at flushing pheasant. Did not know victim was blocking.	47 Yr M	41 Yr. M	20 gauge slide action shotgun
4.	Yes	01/25/08	11:00 AM	Grant	Left foot grazed inside of left big toe, major damage to second toe requiring surgical removal	No	SI	Shooter hunting coyotes. Thought he had unloaded rifle, Closed the rifle bolt and the rifle went off shooting himself in the foot.	17 Yr M		.223 caliber bolt action rifle
5.	Yes	03/23/08	9:30 PM	Langlade	Bullet entered and exited left forearm	No	SI	Shooter hunting coyotes. Shot and missed coyote. The rifle barrel had been resting on his forearm when he stepped off the road into deeper snow, the firearm discharged.	21 Yr M		.22 caliber bolt action rifle
6.	Yes	04/03/08	6:00 PM	Dunn	.22 caliber bullet in right thigh	No	SP	Shooter fired rifle at rabbit. The bullet hit the ground in front of the rabbit and skipped up and hit the victim.	20 Yr M	20 Yr M	.22 caliber slide action rifle

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7.	Yes	05/15/08	8:00 PM	Polk	Left hand. Significant Injury.	No	SI	Victim tripped on something and fell on the shotgun which discharged while turkey hunting.	37 Yr M		12 gauge pump/slide action shotgun
8.	Yes	06/17/08	4:24PM	Crawford	Wound to left foot.	No	SI	Victim/Shooter was sitting on small trailer with rifle in left hand. Muzzle was resting on victims' outstretched left foot. Upon seeing woodchuck, victim pulled trigger.	45 Yr F		.22 caliber semi-auto rifle
9.	Yes	09/11/08	7:30AM	Burnett	Injury outside of right foot in the ball portion of the foot	No	SI	Victim/Shooter was goose hunting. Holding gun with right hand when the gun discharged one time	31 Yr M		12 gauge pump/slide action shotgun
10.	Yes	09/14/08	4:30PM	Rusk	Gunshot passed through wound to the 2 nd toe on right foot	No	SI	Victim/Shooter observed a squirrel and pulled the hammer back on his rifle. The Victim/Shooter did not get a shot and was putting the hammer back down when the rifle discharged, hitting the victim/shooter in the second toe on his right foot.	17 Yr M		.22 caliber lever action rifle
11.	Yes	10/04/08	3:00 PM	Iron	# 8 shot - wounds to right and left upper legs and groin area.	No	SP	Victim and Shooter was grouse hunting. Shooter told victim not to move as Shooter had a clear shot and thought Victim was adjacent to Shooter. Victim was shot in both upper legs and groin area.	55 Yr M	50 Yr M	12 gauge semi-auto action shotgun
12.	No	10/04/08	3:00PM	Shawano	Shot in left shoulder	No	SP	Shooter and Victim were in the same hunting party hunting squirrels. Shooter observed a squirrel and	37 Yr M	36 Yr M	.22 caliber semi-auto action rifle

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								shot at the squirrel striking the victim in the left shoulder.			
13.	Yes	10/05/08	6:55AM	Crawford	Single pellet wound to the right cheek approximately 2in below the eye.	No	SP	Shooter shot at low flying duck and hit victim with one pellet in the right cheek.	21 Yr M	39 Yr M	12 gauge pump/slide action shotgun
14.	No	10/05/08	7:00AM	Buffalo	3 pellets # 2 shot to face and head	No	SP	Wood Duck flew over the pond and the shooter swung and fired one shot missing the bird but hitting the victim with three pellets.	49 Yr M	75 Yr M	12 gauge pump/slide action shotgun
15.	Yes	10/13/08	6:07PM	St. Croix	Wound to right foot.	No	SI	Victim/Shooter was hunting geese on private property. Shotgun has an external hammer, which has to be cocked in order to fire, no safety. Victim was raising the shotgun to shoot and the gun went off shooting himself in the foot.	20 Yr M		12 gauge break/hinge action shotgun
16.	Yes	10/16/08	5:20 PM	Racine	Wound to right foot.	No	SI	Victim/Shooter was getting down from tree stand and tied his rope to the front of the trigger guard on the shotgun. The safety was off.	17 Yr M		12 gauge slide/pump action shotgun
17.	Yes	10/17/08	3:48PM	Buffalo	Shot in right foot between big toe and 2 nd toe	No	SI	The victim was deer hunting during the zone T season and thought he heard a deer. He raised his .270 cal rifle which had the safety in the off	47 Yr M		.270 caliber rifle

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								position when it discharged striking him in the right foot.			
18.	Yes	10/30/08	3:00AM	Price	Entry wound below left pelvic bone and exit wound was 8in below entry wound.	No	SI	Handgun discharged while in the holster while victim was climbing up tree to tree-stand.	21 Yr M		.45 caliber semi-auto handgun
19.	Yes	10/30/08	9:00AM	Iron	Wound to left foot injuring left big toe.	No	SI	Victim was road hunting for grouse and passenger in vehicle. Victim told driver to stop, victim got out of vehicle, uncased his shotgun, loaded one shotgun shell and shotgun discharged.	59 Yr M		16 gauge bolt action shotgun
20.	No	11/23/08	10:20AM	Shawano	Shotgun slug struck victim in upper right shoulder	No	S.P.	Deer ran between victim and shooter during a deer drive. Shooter fired 3 shots.	51 Yr M	24 Yr M	20 gauge pump-action shotgun
21.	Yes	11/23/08	10:40AM	Outagamie	Shotgun slug struck victim in upper chest	Yes	S.P.	Deer ran between victim and shooter. Shooter fired twice at the deer. Victim was a stander in the drive.	49 Yr M	48 Yr M	12 gauge semi-auto Shotgun
22.	Yes	11/23/08	1:27PM	Washington	Shotgun slug embedded in lower right leg	No	S.P.	Shooter was as stander in a deer drive. Shooter fired 3 shots at a running deer. One of the shots struck victim.	62 Yr M	61 Yr M	12 gauge pump-action shotgun
23.	Yes	11/23/08	3:30 PM	Burnett	Rifle bullet pass-through injury to right foot	No	S.I.	Shooter shot himself inside a vehicle while hunting illegally without a license.	45 Yr M		30-06 caliber bolt-action rifle
24.	No	11/23/08	4:40PM	Shawano	Shotgun slug	No	S.I.	Shooter was attempting to	13 Yr M		20 gauge

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					injury to left foot			raise exposed hammer shotgun to shot at a deer. Hammer slipped causing firearm to discharge.			break-action shotgun
25.	No	11/24/08	1:30PM	Pepin	Handgun bullet to right leg. Entering above and exiting below the knee	No	S.I.	Was finished hunting deer and attempting to holster handgun when it discharged.	18 Yr M		.40 caliber semi-auto handgun
26.	Yes	11/26/08	8:25AM	Kewaunee	Shotgun slug wound to left foot toe area	No	S.I.	Shooter / victim rested the barrel of his loaded shotgun on his left foot. Hand slipped hitting the trigger causing firearm to discharge.	44 Yr M		12 gauge semi-auto shotgun
27.	Yes	11/27/08	10:00AM	Juneau	Bullet entered above the hip bone on the right side and exited just below the belly button.	No	SP	Shooter was a member of another deer hunting party doing a deer drive. Deer was running when 4 shots were fired by 4 different people. Victim was not a member of the deer drive.	57 Yr M	38 Yr M	.308 cal semi-auto Rifle
28.	No	11/29/08	11:20AM	Washington	Shotgun slug to lower left leg	No	S.P.	Shooter shot at a running deer during a deer drive in a corn field. Victim was a driver in the same deer drive.	25 Yr M	24 Yr M	12 gauge semi-auto shotgun
29.	No	12/13/08	7:30AM	Sheboygan	5 fineshot pellets Face and upper body. 1 in forehead, 2 in cheek, 1 shoulder, and 1	No	SP	Victim without firearm working with dogs. Shooter shot three times at Pheasant hitting victim in upper body with fine shot	44 Yr M	38 Yr M	12 gauge semi-auto action shotgun

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30.	No	12/13/08	8:30AM	Juneau	in hand Gun shot wound to chest.	Yes	SI	Victim/Shooter walked in to the woods and planned to hunt a level spot surrounded by extremely steep ridges. Victim may have sat or stood on some downed trees for a short time and went to cross over the downed trees to get on the other side. At some point it is likely that the victim slipped and fell and the gun discharged.	39 Yr M		7.62 x 39mm Caliber semi-auto action rifle